

Amendments to the Claims:

1 (currently amended): A method for synchronizing a device with data sources and allowing cross-pollination of the data sources, comprising:

creating a first data source and a second data source;

determining items to synchronize between the first data source, the second data source and the device; wherein the first data source, the second data source and the device are user devices that are associated with a particular user;

connecting the device to a first data source;

synchronizing the device with the first source such that the device and the first source each include a same version of the items after the synchronizing;

connecting the device to a second source; and

synchronizing the device with the second source, wherein the device is used to cross-pollinate between the first data source and the second data source such that the first data source, the second data source and the device each include the same version of the items after the synchronizing and cross-pollinating.

2 (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising performing a duplicate detection check to determine when an item has already been synchronized.

3 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein performing the duplicate detection check further comprises performing a property comparison.

4 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein performing the duplicate detection check further comprises calculating a sync hash value.

5 (original): The method of Claim 2, further comprising updating the item when the item has already been synchronized.

6 (original): The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving a delete command and performing the delete command, wherein the delete command is selected from a soft delete and a hard delete.

7 (original): The method of Claim 2, further comprising restricting cross-pollination between the data sources.

8 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein creating the first data source and the second data source further comprises indicating a data source type and storing an identifier associated with each of the first data source and the second data source.

9 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein synchronizing the device with the first data source may use a first synchronization protocol and synchronizing the device with the second protocol may use a second synchronization protocol.

10 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for cross-pollinating data sources, comprising:

creating at least two data sources a first data source to synchronize with a device and creating a second data source to synchronize with the device; wherein the first data source, the second data source and the device are devices utilized by a particular user;

connecting the device to the first data source having first items to synchronize with the device;

determining first items to synchronize between the first data source and the device;

synchronizing the device with the first source such that the device and the first data source each include a same version of the first items after the synchronizing;

after synchronizing the device with the first data source connecting the device to the second data source;

determining second items to synchronize between the second data source and the device; wherein determining the first items to synchronize and determining the second items to synchronize include examining a SyncHash value that is calculated for each of the items and is stored with each of the items; wherein the SyncHash value that is calculated for each item includes two levels of property level matching when the SyncHash value is calculated

consisting of a primary keyset that is a set of fields that is defined as the primary properties that are compared to consider when an item is a duplicate and a secondary keyset that is a larger set of fields that is used to check for an existence of data in those properties that even if the primary keysets match between two items, the two items are not be considered duplicates of one another;

synchronizing the device with the second source such that the device and the second data source each include a same version of the second items after the synchronizing; and wherein the second data source includes updates to the first items that were synchronized between the device and the first data source; and wherein the second items that are synchronized with the device are synchronized with the first device when the device is synchronized again with the first data source.

~~determining items to synchronize between the at least two data sources and the device;~~

~~synchronizing the device with the at least two data sources; and~~

~~cross-pollinating data between the at least two data sources such that the at least two data sources and the device each include the same version of the items after the synchronizing and cross-pollinating.~~

11 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 10, further comprising performing a duplicate detection check to determine when an item has already been synchronized.

12 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein performing the duplicate detection check further comprises calculating a sync hash value.

13 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, further comprising receiving a delete command and performing the delete command, wherein the delete command is selected from a soft delete and a hard delete; wherein the hard delete physically deletes the item and wherein the hard delete propagates across each of the data sources and the device such that the item is removed from the device, the first data source and the second data source; wherein a soft delete is an item that has gone out of filter, wherein the soft delete removes the item from the device and one of the data sources but does not remove the item from the other one of the data sources.

14 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, further comprising restricting cross-pollination between the data sources.

15 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein creating the ~~at least two data sources~~ the first data source and the second data source further comprises indicating a data source type and storing an identifier associated with each of the ~~at least two data sources~~.

16 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein synchronizing the device with the first data source uses a first synchronization protocol and synchronizing the device with the second data source uses a second synchronization protocol. ~~the at least two data sources may use more than one synchronization protocol.~~

17 (currently amended): A system for cross-pollinating data sources, comprising:
at least two data sources that may cross-pollinate each other; and
a device that is configured to act a shuttle between the at least two data sources to cross-pollinate, and that is configured to synchronize with the at least two data sources such that after synchronizing and cross-pollinating, the device and the at least two data sources include a same version of items that were selected to be synchronized; wherein the data sources and the device are user devices that are associated with a particular user.

18 (original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the device is further configured to perform a duplicate detection check to determine when an item has already been synchronized.

19 (original): The system of Claim 18, wherein performing the duplicate detection check further comprises calculating a sync hash value.

20 (original): The system of Claim 18, wherein the device is configured to process a soft delete command and a hard delete command.

21 (original): The system of Claim 20, wherein the device is further configured to restrict cross-pollination between the at least two data sources.

22 (original): The system of Claim 21, wherein synchronizing the device with the at least two data sources may use more than one synchronization protocol.